

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of sheets comprising:

extruding a film tube;

laying the extruded film tube flat;

cutting the flattened film tube in a conveying direction (z) ~~thereof~~ of the flattened film tube to provide a first and a second sheet;

squeezing the first and second sheets; and

performing a reversing operation such that parts of the surfaces of at least one of the sheets come into contact, the surfaces that come into contact with each other being those that formed an interior surface of the film tube.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sheets are prepared with at least one sticky surface by extruding the film tube with at least one sticky peripheral surface.

5. (Previously presented) The process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the film tube has a sticky external surface and wherein during the reversing operation only surfaces of the sheets that had formed the internal surface of the film tube contact each other.

6. (Currently amended) A machine for the preparation of sheets, comprising:

a device that extrudes a film tube;

a device that flattens the extruded film tube;

a cut-off device that slits the flattened film tube lengthwise in a conveying direction (z) ~~thereof~~ of the flattened film tube to provide a first and a second sheet;

a device that squeezes the first and second sheets; and

a reversing device through which at least one of the first and second sheets runs before the reversed sheet is fed to a stationary processing device or storage device, such that parts of the surfaces of at least one of the sheets that had formed an interior surface of the film tube come into contact with each other.

7. (Previously presented) The machine in accordance with claim 6, wherein the reversing device is configured to lead the sheets past at least one reversing air turning bar and at least one reversing deflecting roller.

8. (Previously presented) The machine in accordance with claim 6, wherein the reversing device includes at least one functional pair formed of an air turning bar and a deflecting roller that carry out a reversing movement around an axis that runs orthogonal to a rotational position of the deflecting roller.

9. (Previously presented) The machine in accordance with claim 6, wherein the extrusion device is configured to extrude the film tube with at least one sticky peripheral surface such that the first and second sheets each have at least one sticky surface.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The machine in accordance with claim 6, wherein the machine is configured to process the film tube having a sticky external surface and wherein the reversing device is configured to reverse the sheets such that only those surfaces of the sheets that had formed the internal surface of the film tube contact each other.